1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Provision of Irrigation Facility to land owned by SC/ST, etc.	57	2			59	69	24	0	0	93
	6143	6667			12810	2130	5081	30	91	7332

New Pension Scheme for senior citizens in A.P.

751. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pension scheme unveiled by Government for senior citizens of the country;

(b) the details of senior citizens who are going to be benefited with the above scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any plan for extending this scheme to widows and physically challenged person; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) was launched on 19th November, 2007 under which pension is provided to a person who is 65 years or higher and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India. Rs. 200 per month per beneficiary will be provided to by way of Central Assistance under IGNOAPS.

(b) In Andhra Pradesh, 453230 persons are going to be benefited under IGNOAPS, in addition to the existing 466000 beneficiaries.

(c) and (d) A proposal is under consideration to provide pension to widows (18-59 years) and physically disabled (0-59 years) as well as to persons who are 60 years or higher and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India, by lowering the age limit from 65 years to 60 years under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

Success of NREG Scheme

752. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has not been found to be a success;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to effectively implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act provides for all egal guarantee for 100 days of employment in every financial year to